

**ELK TOWNSHIP  
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 7, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Elk Township Committee was held on the above date in the Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Sammons at 7:00PM.

The Open Public Meeting Notice was read. The Salute to the Flag and the Lord's Prayer were recited in unison.

Present were: Mr. Hollywood, Mr. Poisker, Mayor Sammons, Mrs. Pine, Township Clerk, Mr. Duffield, Solicitor, Mr. Bitgood, Engineer and Chief Hughes. Mrs. Nicholson, Mr. Rambo and Mr. Considine, CFO were absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** of October 15, 2019 Work Session

Motion by Mr. Hollywood, seconded by Mr. Poisker to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2019 Work Session, all were in favor motion carried.

Committee reviewed the 2019 Best Practice Survey that was submitted to the State of NJ by the CFO.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mayor Sammons announced the Tree lighting will be on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM.

**POLICE CHIEF REPORT**

Chief Hughes, gave the October 2019 report for the police department. The department received 898 calls for service, responded to 23 motor vehicle crashes with 8 injuries and 1 fatality. There were 258 motor vehicle summons and 1 warning issued. There were 19 arrests made. A drop box for unused medication has been set up in the vestibule of the municipal building. Two radar trailers and sign boards were acquired through the military surplus website. The department attended numerous training classes.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Mr. Rambo was not present to give the reports.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Mr. Bitgood submitted his report to committee. Stanger Avenue project has begun. They will not be closing the road they will be alternating lanes. The Vineyards tree planting is almost complete.

Mr. Bitgood met with the county concerning the new proposed Waste Water Sewer map and the areas Elk Township would like to have included. The DEP says some of the areas that we are requesting to be included are in an environmentally sensitive area and should not be in the sewer service area. Some of these areas already have water and sewer. Some of the areas are in our general development plan (GDP). They have agreed to review documentation. Mr. Bitgood has reached out to the developers for this documentation. There has been some positive progress and better cooperation than in 2016

Mrs. Pine read the List of Respondents for 2020 Request for Qualifications for Professionals. The list is attached.

**PUBLIC PORTION** on Agenda Items only.

Motion by Mr. Hollywood to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Poisker, all were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Sammons asked if anyone had any questions on agenda items to come forward at this time.

Ed Pearson, 1457 Ellis Mill Rd., thought the state was going to be putting in a traffic light at Fislerville Rd. and State Rte. 77. Mayor Sammons stated the resolution is the first step in the process.

Motion by Mr. Hollywood to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Poisker, all were in favor, motion carried.

**ORDINANCE:**

**O – 8 – 2019**

**TO AMEND THE “CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK” CHAPTER 34 FIXING AND ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND COMPENSATIONS OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ELK PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion by Mr. Poisker, seconded by Mr. Hollywood to open the public portion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Sammons invited the public to come forward if they have any questions concerning the Ordinance. No one came forward.

Motion by Mr. Hollywood, seconded by Mr. Poisker to close the public portion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Poisker, seconded by Mr. Hollywood to adopt Ordinance O-8-2019, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Hollywood	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION R-127-2019**

**AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF BLOCK 30 LOT 19 (702 JACOB HARRIS LANE) NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL OR PUBLIC PURPOSES**

Motion by Mr. Hollywood, seconded by Mr. Poisker to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Hollywood	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

**RESOLUTION R-128-2019**

**AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, DIVISION OF LOCAL AID, LOCAL FREIGHT IMPACT FUND FY 2020 GRANT PROGRAM**

Motion by Mr. Poisker, seconded by Mr. Hollywood to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Hollywood	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

**RESOLUTION R-129-2019**

**SUPPORT OF THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S RECOMMENDATION AND INSTALLATION OF A MULTI-WAY STOP INTERSECTION AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE NJ 77 (BRIDGETON PIKE) AND FISLERVILLE ROAD (CR 618)**

Motion by Mr. Poisker, seconded by Mr. Hollywood to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Hollywood	Yes
	Mr. Poisker	Yes
	Mayor Sammons	Yes

**RESOLUTION R-130-2019**

**GRANTING WIDOW OF TOTAL DISABLED VETERAN STATUS TO SUZANNE T. SEAVY**

Motion by Mr. Hollywood, seconded by Mr. Poisker to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call:	Mr. Hollywood	Yes
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Mr. Poisker Yes  
Mayor Sammons Yes

**RESOLUTION R-131-2019  
REFUND OF HOMESTEAD REBATE TO SUZANNE SEAVY,  
A WIDOW OF A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN**

Motion by Mr. Poisker, seconded by Mr. Hollywood to adopt and approve said Resolution, upon roll call motion carried.

Roll Call: Mr. Hollywood Yes  
Mr. Poisker Yes  
Mayor Sammons Yes

**GLOUCESTER COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE** – James Schmidt was present to assist with any questions or concerns for the county.

**PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION R-86-2019**  
**THERE IS A TIME LIMIT OF 3 MINUTES PER PERSON DURING THE PUBLIC PORTION**

**PUBLIC PORTION:**

Motion by Mr. Poisker to open the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Hollywood, all were in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Sammons asked if anyone had any questions or comments or an issue they would like to bring to the township committee's attention to come forward, state your name and address, at this time.

Mickey McMichaels, Twenty-fourth Avenue, is a member of the senior club. They currently have 48 members and growing. He would like to see a bus for the seniors for day trips. The county has a program for cost sharing and there is also money available at the state level. Mr. Schmidt will look into this further and get back to Mrs. Pine. Mr. McMichael stated there is a driver in Clayton that is bonded and can help with driving. Mr. McMichael would also like committee to consider a new building for them to meet in. The current location is getting to small.

Ed Pearson, 1457 Ellis Mill Road, stated previously the township paid for the rental of a bus from Harrison Township, which included a driver. A bus will get the seniors out for much needed social time and they are a growing group.

Kyle Spears, PBA #122, 7 S. Broadway, Pitman, stated Elk Twp. has not formally told the PBA that the study on a merger is a done deal. Mayor Sammons stated Clayton was the lead in the merger and Elk Twp. has not heard from Clayton on the status of the study.

Motion by Mr. Hollywood to close the public portion, seconded by Mr. Poisker, all were in favor, motion carried.

**PAY BILLS:**

Motion by Mr. Poisker to Pay the Bills, seconded by Mr. Hollywood, upon roll call motion was carried.

Roll Call: Mr. Hollywood Yes  
Mr. Poisker Yes  
Mayor Sammons Yes

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Mr. Poisker to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hollywood all were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debora R. Pine, RMC, CMC  
Township Clerk